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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form-1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

A Supplementary European Search Report dated December 27, 2002 is attached together with the documents listed thereon. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the Search Report and listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form-1449.

As for relevance for any non-English language documents, an English-language Abstract or a corresponding U.S. patent is provided, or such documents are referred to on the Search Report.

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and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or

constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not

constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the

Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability

of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be

applied against the claims of the present application.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby

authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this

application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including

any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF

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Respectfully submitted,

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